

FEBRUARY 7, 1833.

Read twice, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. WASHINGTON, from the Committee for the District of Columbia, reported the following bill:

**A BILL**

For the relief of the widow and heirs at law of the late Lewis Grant Davidson, deceased.

1      *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2      *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*  
3      it shall be the duty of Eliza Davidson, the widow of Lewis  
4      Grant Davidson, late of Georgetown, in the District of Colum-  
5      bia, deceased, and guardian of the infant heirs of the said  
6      Lewis, to make out and return to the Orphans' Court of  
7      Washington county, in the said District, a full and complete  
8      list of all the real estate of which the said Lewis Grant David-  
9      son died seized, lying and being in Washington county afore-  
10     said, distinguishing on the said list such of the said real estate  
11     as is unimproved and unproductive, and such as is improved  
12     and productive; and it shall and may be lawful, and the said  
13     Eliza Davidson is hereby authorized, from time to time, to  
14     bargain and sell that part of the said estate which is unim-  
15     proved and unproductive, or any portion thereof, on such terms  
16     as to her may seem most for the interest of the said infant  
17     heirs; and, immediately after any such sale, the said Eliza shall

18 report the same, and the terms thereof, to the judge of the  
 19 Orphans' Court aforesaid, and the same having been approved  
 20 and ratified by the said judge, and the purchase money having  
 21 been paid, and not otherwise, the said Eliza Davidson is fur-  
 22 ther authorized and empowered, by a deed of bargain and sale,  
 23 to convey the premises by her sold to the purchaser or pur-  
 24 chasers thereof in fee simple.

1       SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the judge of the  
 2 Orphans' Court aforesaid shall have authority to allot and ap-  
 3 portion to the said Eliza, out of the proceeds of such sales, an  
 4 equivalent, or satisfaction in money, for her right of dower in  
 5 the said premises sold and conveyed by her; and also a com-  
 6 mission, not exceeding five per centum, on the proceeds of such  
 7 sales; and to pass all such orders and decrees relative to the dis-  
 8 posal and investment of such proceeds by the said Eliza, as to  
 9 him shall seem proper for the preservation and improvement  
 10 of the estate of the said infant heirs.

1       SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the register of the  
 2 Orphans' Court shall take and state an account of such sales as  
 3 may be reported, and of such orders as may be made in the  
 4 premises, under the direction of the said judge; and shall be  
 5 paid therefor such fees as by law he is allowed to charge and  
 6 receive in the settlement of other guardian accounts.

1       SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That, as the said in-  
 2 fant heirs at law of the said Lewis Grant Davidson arrive at

3 the age of twenty-one years, it shall be the duty of the said  
4 Eliza Davidson to account with them for the proceeds of the  
5 said real estate by her sold by virtue of this act, and to pay  
6 over to each of them the balance or portion severally due to  
7 them on such account; and, on her failing so to do, her bond as  
8 guardian of the said infant heirs may be put in suit, and the  
9 said balance or portion, severally due the said heirs, may be  
10 recovered thereon.